



'The stench of garbage refuses to go from our hands and bodies despite using all kinds of soaps,' say the garbage collectors.

## Court Cases

### Bail refused

## Court refers 'Dow' case to Prosecution for probe

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KUWAIT CITY, Dec 25: The Criminal Court presided over by Judge Mohammad Ghazi Al-Mutairi has decided to refer the "Dow Chemical" case to the Public Prosecution for completion of investigations.

The case was reopened in October 2017, and the litigants and one of the witnesses were ordered to appear before the court.

The decision to reopen the case was issued after the Fatwa and Legislation Department appealed against the decision of the Public Prosecution to dismiss the case in which the defendants are officials of the petroleum company. The court gave notice to the litigants to attend all the trial sessions.

The court also ordered the General Secretariat of the National Assembly to be addressed in order to reveal whether there is a decision or not to refer the report of the Public Funds Protection Committee to the prosecution and provide a copy of it to the court with other relevant documents if any.

The case file indicated that the Public Prosecutor Justice Dherar Al-Asousi decided to dismiss the "Dow Chemical" case which was filed by the Fatwa and Legislation Department. Through this case, the department had requested those involved in the state losing \$2.5 billion, through the agreement between Kuwait's Petrochemicals and the US Dow Company, to be held accountable.

As reported by various news agencies, an arbitrator ruled that Kuwait's state-run chemical company must pay \$2.16 billion to Dow Chemical Company for wrongly canceling a planned plastics joint venture in 2008.

According to Dow's law firm, Shearman and Sterling LLP, the ruling of the International Chamber of Commerce's International Court against Petrochemical Industries Company (PIC) is final and binding and believed to be one of the largest ever arbitration awards.



Al-Asousi

**Bail refused:** The Criminal Court set Jan 14, 2018 for cognizance right, refusing to release on bail two Kuwaiti citizens and a Russian expatriate who are accused of embezzlement of KD 21 million from the public funds through the Kuwait & Gulf Link Investment (KGL).

Officers from the Criminal Investigation Department recently arrested the Board Chairperson of KGL Saad Dashti and his deputy Marsha Lazarifa for committing financial fraud.

On Oct 21, 2015, the former Minister of Communications Essa Al-Kandari informed the Public Prosecutor about the disbursement of public funds directly to the company from the revenue account in one of the local banks, which was in violation of the laws that govern such activities.

Currently, the two suspects are in the Central Prison and their Case No. is 1942/2015. It involves millions of dinars which are believed to have been embezzled from the public funds.

In addition, the documents which prove that such disbursements were ordered were intentionally destroyed.

**Decision annulled:** The Court of Appeals has nullified the decision of the Ministry of Defense to deduct 15 days pay from the salary of a female employee, while calculating her salaries from the date of qualifying as an engineer, and awarded her KD 7,630 in compensation for damages, half salary deduction, and legal fees.

The court agreed the woman violated the Constitution by applying for the job while she was still studying, but the violation was not serious. It indicated Civil Service Commission must have been aware of her status to circulate the information to concerned authorities when she applied for the job.

Lawyer Jassem Al-Tweitan representing the plaintiff explained that his client was employed on 'fifth degree contract' in 2011 as assistant engineer in the Department of Claims and Negotiations. On Oct 8, 2012, she obtained a bachelor's degree in civil engineering technology through the General Administration of Open Universities Council.

She applied for amendment of her job title on Oct 17, 2012 from assistant engineer to junior engineer, but the administration did not honor the application without any explanation.

## Other Voices

## Things which make one proud

By Ahmad Al-Sarraf

When the late Saud Al-Dosari, the presenter of MBC program 'Turning Point' asked me what was the most important turning point in my life, I replied it was a day at the Gulf Bank in the mid-1960s.

I found myself in an totally different environment. The discipline within the walls of the bank refined my personality, strict adherence to the work timings and working on transactions in complete secrecy.



Al-Sarraf

I received a video clip in which the Speaker of the National Assembly, Marzouq Al-Ghanim, gives a speech during the inauguration of the 'Secretariat 2017' campaign. What he said reminded me of many things, some of which were included in the TV interview.

We are not better than others, but inferior than them in many respects after the unblest awakening which damaged our social fabric and the beauty and cohesion of our society.

I very well remember a report in the National Geographic magazine about Germany. The report is accompanied with a picture of a huge

machine and a table stacked with gift boxes in various sizes and colors.

The caption of the picture read the person who had put in 40 years of hard work on this machine had refused to celebrate his retirement day with his colleagues because the time during which the celebration was organized belonged to the factory. He was ready to celebrate the occasion provided it was done after duty hours.

Here I remembered our customs and traditions when employees in the government sector stop working a week before going on vacation and do nothing one week after returning, often busy saluting the undersecretary or a director-general.

On the other hand, the Supreme Court in London issued an order to stop the deportation of an Afghan asylum seeker, but the Ministry of Interior ignored the court order and deported the man.

Here, the court judge considered the act of the ministry abusive and in contempt of the judiciary and issued a verdict to imprison the Minister of Interior within 24 hours if the man was not brought back.

And the ministry brought the man back from Kabul to prevent the imprisonment of the minister and avoided bad blood between the government and the judiciary.

Such things make people proud of their authorities.

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# No off & long hours, life is miserable: waste collectors

Indian trio held in huge liquor bust

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**KUWAIT CITY, Dec 25: Amid foul smell and piled-up garbage, the street cleaners and garbage collectors have to work 12 hours a day throughout the week without a day-off.**

The only day-off they get is when they become seriously sick. A day-off due to any other kind of sickness that is not categorized as serious is considered as a day-off with deducted salary.

In fact, sickness could also be a motive to terminate their services and send them back to their countries especially if a chronic or dangerous disease finds its way into the bodies of these low-income hard-working men who try their best to maintain a smile.

However, during this interview, some of them couldn't hold on to their smiles and decided to vent their frustrations concerning their overall situation.

The companies that bring them to this country fail to honor even the simplest of human rights such as shelter and salary. On top of all that, these workers have to pay for their health insurance.

Majority of them revealed that the salary they earn is very low. About KD 30, which is more than half of their salary, goes to their families back in their countries. The remaining amount of about KD 25 they spend locally. However, when they have to pay for their health insurance, many end up taking loans from their colleagues with the hope of paying them back.

According to one of the interviewees, they live in pathetic accommodations that cannot be considered as suitable for human beings to live in. More than ten fully-grown men stay in one tiny room.

Some of them prefer to clean the streets instead of being a garbage collector because those working on the streets are at least seen and many people sympathize with them and give them something small to broaden their smiles. However, no one notices those working in the garbage trucks. The stench they have to endure is unimaginable.

According to one of them, the worst moments of his work is when he finds garbage disposed outside the garbage bin, which means he has to pick it up.

A garbage collector said, "Most of the time, the stench stays on our hands and even on our bodies for days. They do not go despite how strong the soap we use to clean ourselves. For example, a paper bag thrown inside the garbage container can tear and all its contents such as rotten meat, milk, rice, soup, etc can



Defence Minister Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah discussed bilateral issues with the US envoy Lawrence R. Silverman.

## Sheikh Nasser in talks with US envoy

Kuwait's First Deputy Premier and Defence Minister Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah met Monday at Seif Palace US Ambassador to Kuwait Lawrence R. Silverman.

According to the Defense

Ministry's public relations department, both sides discussed during the meeting issues of mutual concern and ways of bolstering bilateral relations.

The meeting was attended by Kuwaiti Army's Chief of Staff

Lieutenant General Mohammad Al-Khoder, Ministry of Defense's Undersecretary Sheikh Ahmad Mansour Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and Chief of US Office of Military Cooperation Brigadier-General David San Clemente. (KUNA)

## Various intoxicants seized

## Men, women arrested for drugs use

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**KUWAIT CITY, Dec 25:** A Kuwaiti citizen was arrested in Nugra area for consuming and possessing hashish.

According to security sources, Hawally securitymen were patrolling Nugra area when they stopped a motorist who was driving recklessly. They checked his details and discovered he is a Kuwaiti.

When they noticed his disoriented state and a cigarette in the ashtray, they asked the citizen about it and he replied that it was hashish. Uncertain whether or not he was bluffing, they checked it to realize he wasn't bluffing.

He was arrested and referred to the concerned authorities where necessary legal measures have been taken.

Meanwhile, a Kuwaiti woman and a Bedouin man were arrested in Hawally area by Special Taskforce officers for possessing of 120 pills of Pregabalin (locally known as Larica).

They were referred to the concerned authorities for necessary legal action.

Furthermore, Ahmadi securitymen arrested a Kuwaiti citizen for consuming drugs and possessing two cigarettes stuffed with Synthetic cannabinoids (locally known as spice).

According to a police source, he was referred to the concerned author-

ities for legal action.

In addition, a Kuwaiti man and a woman were arrested in Mahboula area in possession of drugs.

Patrolling officers suspected a vehicle with a female driver and a male passenger, ordered the woman to pull over. They discovered that the woman did not have a driving license, and the man is wanted by the law.

The latter immediately tried to run away but he was caught eventually.

The officers also found drugs in their possession.

Both suspects were arrested and referred with the confiscated drugs to the concerned authorities for investigations.

explained that the solid wastes that come from a household in Kuwait everyday amount to about two to three kilograms. This means Kuwait produces about 10 million kilograms of household waste daily.



The driver of a four-wheel drive escaped unhurt when the vehicle he was driving suddenly went up in flames for an unknown reason, reports Al-Anba daily. The mishap happened in Jahra. When the motorist saw the smoke coming from the bonnet of the car, he pulled over and got out of the vehicle. The fire was put out by firemen.

## News in Brief

**Citizen taught lesson:** Four people tied up and severely assaulted a Kuwaiti man, resulting in injuries to his head, face, right arm, and left eye, reports Al-Shahed daily.

The citizen lodged a complaint with officers at Andalous Police Station and supported his claim with medical report. The police acted promptly and arrested attackers.

In their defense, the suspects insisted the complainant is a sadist. They countered his accusations against them, saying he had first hurt them and caused damage to their car.

They explained the complainant is a friend with whom they were relaxing in a diwaniya, but he kept hurting them and defied all warnings to stop his action.

**Asian and local liquor:** An Asian expatriate managed to escape from securitymen in Mahboula area, leaving behind about 40 bottles of locally manufactured liquor, after he realized his illicit business has been discovered, reports Al-Nahar daily.

According to a security source, a patrol team suspected the Asian expatriate who was standing in a desert area and decided to check on him. Seeing the advancing patrol, the man took to his heels, leaving behind the liquor bottles.

**Woman, girls beaten:** A Kuwaiti woman and her three daughters filed a case against her brother at Jabriya Police Station, accusing him of beating her and her daughters, says Al-Seyassah.

In her complaint, she revealed that her brother would often beat her and her daughters without any reasons which would result in injuries on their bodies especially their faces.

Securitymen will summon the suspect for interrogations.

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